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Emancipation Proclamation

DISCRIMINATION directed at minority groups, including Negroes, Jews, Catholics, foreign-born and others, is part of the Fascist pattern in America. The Fair Employment Practice Committee (FEPC) was established in 1941 to enforce Executive Order 8802 which would abolish this form of native Fascism.

Recently, on recommendation of the Budget Bureau, FEPC was transferred to War Manpower Commission. President Roosevelt assured press conference FEPC authority would not be weakened. Nevertheless the report persists in Washington that this action was the result of pressure by Southern Bourbons. Men and organizations interested in establishing democracy in industry should write Director McNutt of Manpower Commission, Dr Malcolm MacLean, Chairman FEPC, c/o Manpower Commission, and the President, urging all aid in enforcing presidential order which declares "it is the duty of employers . . . to provide for the full and equitable participation of all workers in defense industries without discrimination because of race, creed, color, or national origin."

The order, if enforced, will be regarded by the Negro millions as a second Emancipation Proclamation. One of the leaders of the National Negro Congress declares this is the most important aid by the gov't affecting the economic status of Negroes in 60 years.

Investigation Hampered

THE FEPC has spent \$80,000 in its first year, or practically nothing, investigating unfair employment practices of corporations having gov't orders. Hearings were held in Los Angeles, Chicago, NY and Birmingham. It is obvious from the published reports that the employers did a tremendous amount of lying. In Birmingham, there was a great deal of resistance to this hearing even before it was held. FEPC agents accumulating evidence about employer practices were followed by detectives. The first hearings in the South were too much for Fascist manufacturers. (It should be stated here that actually most industries in the South are Northern-owned or controlled, and Northern employers share equally with Southerners the stigma of Fascism.) The Economic Royalists brought pressure on Marvin MacIntyre, sec'y to the President. After transfer of FEPC to Manpower Comm, the \$1,000,000 fund promised and necessary for the work, failed to be approved. It was proposed to have 12 or 13 regional offices, to investigate the Mexican labor problem, etc. The Mexican workers are viciously exploited and are forced to live under worst possible conditions, there is smuggling of Mexicans across the border, Mexicans

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HERE is the record of three men who are asking voters to elect them to public office. They are: Curley of Massachusetts, Bennett of New York and Day of Illinois. Bennett wants to be governor, the other two want to represent people in Congress. All three have records either as outright fascists or fellow-travelers of fascism.

These three men are not the only ones who are running for office this year. Others will be mentioned in future issues. There are also degrees of native fascism, and contradictions, because there is still no fascist party or national fascist organization in America although there are hundreds of fascist leaders and many fascist followers. In the South native fascism is tied up with Jimcrowsism, in certain sectors where the Coughlinites are strong, it uses anti-Semitism as a weapon, and throughout the United States, and without exception, native Fascism is anti-labor. It is frequently subsidized by the big corporations, the big business interests; for example, Gerald L K Smith, who got his money from two big corporations which have one of the worst records as labor-baiters (IN FACT, Aug 4).

American fascism, like Hitler's brand and Mussolini's brand, is the enemy of all the American people except the few men of wealth and power who subsidize it. In the coming election the Republican and Democratic parties will be subsidized by the same elements which subsidize the fascist organizations. In each presidential election in the memory of living Americans, the fund used to buy the election has ranged from \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000 and always a handful of native fascists, rather than the \$1 contributors, have paid the bills. (Complete documentation was published by IN FACT, Nov 4, 1940.)

Candidate Curley Drank Toast: "Long Live Mussolini"

James M Curley was once governor of Massachusetts, twice a member of the House of Representatives, four times mayor of Boston, and always a fascist.

Curley is opposing the liberal Congressman Thomas Eliot in a district which includes the stronghold of the Coughlinite Christian Fronters, who have supported not only Mussolini and Franco, but also Hitler. Curley counts on these anti-American elements to support him.

Curley can prove to the Eleventh election district that he has always been a good fascist. For example, he took part in the celebration of the fifth anniversary of Mussolini's "march on Rome." The Fascist League of North America held the celebration in the Copley Plaza hotel. Here is the news report as it appeared in the Boston Globe:

"A nation's greatness lies in men, not acres. One master mind is worth more than a million hands and the one nation most prolific in the development of master minds has been Italy," Mayor Curley said. "No country in the world owes a greater debt to Italy than does America." Mr. Curley traced briefly the great contributions to statesmanship, art and religion which Italian leaders have made to the world and called attention to the defense against bolshevism which Benito Mussolini has made. "His march on Rome with a force recruited while on the march, saved Italy and in saving Italy, made possible the preservation of Christian civilization and Christian ideals the world over," he said. "It is the duty of Christians the world over to sustain by prayers and by action the work of Italy's great leader without whom Christian standards of morality would be meaningless. As an American citizen I propose a toast, Viva Mussolini," Mr. Curley concluded."

Besides betraying Candidate Curley as a fascist, the statement contains the usual falsehoods associated with fascism, and pronounced as a method by Herr Hitler. For example, there was no march on Rome, but a descent by hoodlums in passenger trains mostly. Mussolini came by Pullman sleeper, after the frightened king and trembling prime minister decided to offer him the premiership. Previously, he was in hiding, ready to flee to Switzerland if the plot failed.

On April 22, 1942 "evidence showing that former Gov James M Curley of Mass and Donald W Smith, one-time member of the NLRB, served as officers of

Engineers Group Inc, a lobbying organization accused of swindling four firms of contracts of \$21,000 they had paid as 'deposits' for defense housing contracts, was presented . . . to the Truman senatorial investigating comm." Curley, in defense said he did not know the true aims of the company, quit when he did. Curley is being asked by anti-fascist voters of his district whether he knows the true aims of the fascism which he endorsed for many years.

Bennett, Candidate for Governor, Held Fascist Meeting

The chairman of a fascist meeting is certainly entitled to be called a fascist, and this is exactly the case of NY Att'y Gen'l John J Bennett Jr, who has been called a fascist by the American Labor Party. The ALP wanted to endorse Roosevelt's man, James M Mead, for governor of NY, but when the Farley wrecking crew insisted on naming Bennett, the ALP was forced for the first time to name its own man, Dean Alfange.

The nomination of Bennett is generally admitted to be the forerunner of the defeat of the Democratic Party in NY, inasmuch as the ALP in the past has polled more than 400,000 votes, and the Democrats elected Lehman with less than 70,000 to spare. However, it is quite likely that a vicious religious issue will be raised to further complicate the matter. It is a fact that in the last election the Christian Fronters and Coughlinites, led by Rev Edward Lodge Curran, Coughlin's eastern leader, raised an anti-Semitic issue which almost lost Lehman the governorship. Whether this same outfit, which was also working with the Nazis until some of them went to prison for various un-American activities (despite their support by Martin Dies, the great un-American) will be able to raise a religious issue will soon be seen. It was also raised in the campaign of O'Dwyer for Mayor.

Bennett is an associate of some of the most notorious fascists in America. On Nov 30, 1936 (see "Lords of the Press," published in 1938) he presided at a meeting "to organize 500 young women to collect funds throughout the city for medical supplies to be sent to the fascist forces in Spain," according to the organizer, the Rev E L Curran. Not only was the fascism of Franco praised, but also the fascism of Franco's three allies, Hitler, Mussolini and Salazar of Portugal. By Nov 30 Franco had already sent his Moors to murder civilians and despatch with hand grenades all the wounded found in hospitals. By Nov 30 it was confirmed that Hitler had sent the munition ship Kameron to Spain weeks before Franco rebelled and that Mussolini had sent bombing planes days earlier—several landed on French territory and the pilots told all. Nevertheless the American pro-Franco fascists organized a campaign to terrorize those newspapers which told the truth, and to change the policies of newspapers by boycotts and threats of withdrawing advertising. This meeting, at which Bennett presided, was one of these pro-Franco boycott meetings at which Hitler and Mussolini were approved and applauded. America was then not at war with Hitler and Mussolini and therefore neither Bennett nor Curran nor the other participants were committing treason, as they would be if they did the same thing today. However, what they did do was go on record as native Fascists.

At this Bennett meeting the Rev E L Curran reported what is probably the most outrageous case of the corruption of the American press since Upton Sinclair wrote *The Brass Check*. As reported (NYTimes Dec 1 1936) the whole story was not told. The few paragraphs said simply that "Dr Curran charged that 'the newspapers of Manhattan and Brooklyn have been very unfair to the anti-Communist group in Spain' and asserted that 'because I control \$20,000 of business with one Brooklyn newspaper, I have forced them to take a more liberal attitude.'" This, of course, would have been corruption if it had concerned politics, baseball, a wage dispute, the great Lilliputian controversy about the right end for breaking an egg, or fascism. It concerned fascism, and Dr Curran was able to change a big newspaper from neutrality on that subject, to being pro-fascist.

The facts not published are these: The paper in question is the Brooklyn Eagle which at that time, it must be emphasized, belonged to another publisher—the present ownership is in no way implicated. The print shop of the Eagle (today in still another ownership) then did the printing for the Brooklyn Tablet, a paper run by Dr Curran, Patrick Scanlon, and others. Dr Curran threatened to withdraw the printing job and the Eagle owner was forced to promise to change the handling of the news of the fascist uprising in Spain to please the American fascists. The Eagle was also forced to fire a columnist who had told some truths about Franco-fascism. (In Philada, the Record was boycotted for allegedly favoring the Spanish republic against its fascist rebels; in every city of the United States Coughlinites stormed into newspaper offices with threats of boycott or withdrawal of advertising unless the press favored fascism. It is a proven fact that whereas the majority of papers were against fascism in July 1936, by 1937 many papers had yielded to pressure and become "neutral" with many pro-fascist editorials and headlines to prove that "neutrality.")

The NY newspapers instead of rising as one outraged individual to protest this corruption of freedom of the press, to which Att'y Gen'l Bennett was a party, maintained silence. But Mr Bennett paid them off liberally in 1941 in the news-

are left stranded, homeless and starving, and many are worked at slave wages. The report would have confirmed these facts of discrimination by greedy American Big Business. The State Dep't therefore called off the Mexican investigation.

The chief problem is the employment of Negroes. The Berlin radio almost daily issues propaganda of ill-treatment of Negroes in America, citing lynchings, segregation of blood by the Red Cross (at the official order of US Army, US Navy), segregation generally, and refusal to employ. However, the opportunity still remains for the enforcement of the second Emancipation Proclamation, provided anti-Fascists protest to Washington.

Poisoned News Springs

ONE of the dirtiest tricks in the recent history of journalism was tried by the venal mouthorgan of the publishers' association, the weekly Editor & Publisher. This magazine lives on the ads of McCormick, Hearst, Roy Howard, Joe Patterson and others, some exposed as fighting labor, following the Axis line in propaganda, and generally publishing newspapers for the benefit of special interests rather than the general welfare of the common man. In addition it takes page ads from whisky distillers, the electric light and power lobby, and others exposed by Congressional committees as maintaining lobbies and press relations and advertising departments for the purpose of corrupting American thought and action.

The main bondholders in the Associated Press are Hearst, Howard, McCormick, Patterson and assorted labor-baiters throughout the country. Thurman Arnold has instituted suit against the AP charging it is a monopoly. One of the many reasons given is that it bought up Wide World, a picture agency, and then cut off its clients, thus adding to its monopoly. Federated Press protested.

Last week Editor & Publisher (which became a venal money-grubbing weekly after its militant unbribeable editor Marlen Pew died) sent one of its brasscheck polishers to get a story to smear labor news agency Federated Press as radical, or "red," or something. Apparently the AP is having a hard time to prove it is not a monopoly, therefore it uses the last resort of corrupt organizations: raising the red scare. This policy was publicly proclaimed in the hearings of NELA, the power trust, as most satisfactory; it was also proclaimed a policy by the Pinkertons when they wanted corporations to employ thugs, stoolpigeons and spies against labor; and it was proclaimed by the manufacturers of poison gas in letters to police chiefs who use gas against labor.

Editor & Publisher's reporter called upon a former editor of Federated Press and tried to sell him on a redbaiting smear of FP. This editor told the reporter to tell the owners and editors of E & P there was nothing doing.

The tragedy of the AP suit is this: that even if Arnold breaks the monopoly and liberal dailies such as Chicago Sun and PM become franchise holders, it will not affect the poisoned news which the AP sends out. The AP gets almost all its American news from its member papers, and distributes it. Members such as Hearst, Howard, McCormick et al turn in labor-baiting, biased, unfair news. Upton Sinclair, Oswald Garrison Villard, others have pointed out years ago, that

this reservoir of news cannot rise higher than its sources, and the springs are poisoned. This is why it is impossible to have a free press in America so long as the majority of papers serve AP news, and AP refuses to filter out the poison.

Death and the Press

"AMERICAN BOYS will die because of the help furnished our enemies by Joe Patterson, Robert McCormick and Eleanor Patterson through the Chicago Tribune, NYD News, and Washington Times-Herald," declared Rep Elmer Holland in the House (Aug 31). The reason the Navy Dep't failed to press its case, said Holland, was its desire not to reveal how the Japanese naval code came into US possession. Holland accused McCormick's paper of revealing this code to the enemy. Holland referred to the three publishers as "the traitorous triumvirate," to McCormick's conduct as "treasonable," to the three papers as a "vermin press."

National Maritime Union demands a grand jury investigation of NYD News which it accuses of launching "torpedoes at our back." It also demands a boycott. Non-Secretarian Anti-Nazi League has started a boycott but police arrested two men distributing circulars. At same time News advertised its circulation had topped 2,000,000 daily, largest in US and largest in history. Guild reporters believe News comic strips responsible for circulation and fact many people can understand comics and pictures, but are not good at reading. Roy Howard's World-Telegram attacked Holland.

Fake Cigaret Ads

YOU have been lied to for years. All that stuff about certain cigarettes being better, milder, healthier, toasted, more expensively made, easier on your throat, filtering the smoke, less liable to stain, etc, are just advertising lies. The Federal Trade Commission in mid-August called the Philip Morris and Camel ads lies; Aug 31 it issued complaints 4826 and 4827 calling Pall Mall and Lucky Strike ads lies. The released story is 3 pages, singlespaced, but America's leading paper, NYTimes buried three paragraphs on it on a financial page. Its rival, conservative Herald Tribune, which makes no claims of "all the news that's fit to print," ran three times as much, in regular news columns.

NOTICE: When IN FACT began publishing it asked its readers if they wanted the whole factual documented but suppressed story of how Johns Hopkins University tested tobacco and found out the percentages of people killed by it. Five hundred postcards, some with 20 names, demanded that story. IN FACT has 6 times as many readers now; if you want this story reprinted, with new facts, send a postcard.

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paper-stand strike when he issued an injunction in favor of the publishers and against the poor news dealers who were protesting a gouge of some 50¢ a hundred papers which the millionaire NY publishers put over on them. ("I care not who makes th' laws iv a nation, if I can get out an injunction," said Mr Dooley.) In political circles it was then said that Bennett was sweetening up the NY press so he could run for the governorship. Today several newspapers are repaying Bennett by supporting him and suppressing the embarrassing facts about his fascist past.

Another fact the NYC press knows but will never tell its readers, is that one of the main political bosses of Brooklyn is this man Dr Curran, Christian Fronter, Coughlinite, endorser of the foreign ideology—fascism.

IN FACT can state on the authority of William O'Dwyer, recent candidate for mayor against LaGuardia (see Sept 1, 1941 and subsequent issues) that most men running for office in Brooklyn have to make a deal with Curran.

It is a fact, according to the statement District Attorney O'Dwyer made to IN FACT's editor, that political speeches made by most Brooklyn candidates, are submitted to Curran for approval and censorship.

It may also be noted that one speech submitted to Curran was very much pro labor; it said labor ought to organize, protect its rights, etc. Curran wanted to kill that paragraph. The politician, however, protested that this was a direct quote from the encyclical Rerum Novarum, by Pope Leo XIII. According to this politician's statement to IN FACT's editor, Curran nevertheless wanted the paragraph killed, believing Pope Leo too radical.

When in 1936 friends of China organized a boycott against Japan, especially demanding that American women stop wearing silk stockings, "Curran made a public statement that this boycott of Japan was "a red plot."

This Curran is one of Bennett's bosses.

Swears Rep Day Sent Congratulations to Hitler

Eric von Schroetter, at one time ass't professor of German at Northwestern University, Chicago, appeared before notary public N N Gross on April 7, 1942 and swore to the truth of the following affidavit:

State of Illinois }
County of Cook } ss

Eric von Schroetter, being first duly sworn under oath, deposes and says that on the 6th day of April 1933 Mr Stephen A Day approached him through an official of the German-American Alliance and asked him to come to Stephen Day's office to help him translate some German text; that this office was also the headquarters of the Lincoln-Jefferson Liberty League;

Affiant further states that he was joined there later in the afternoon by his wife; that in the presence of the official of the German-American Republican Alliance and of affiant and his wife, Mr Day made a lengthy monologue against the "World conspiracy of the Jews" and stated what should be done about it;

Affiant further states that shortly thereafter Mr Day asked him to translate a cablegram which Mr Day stated he was sending to Hitler; that the original of the cablegram was in the English language written by Mr Day; that affiant did translate the said cablegram into German;

That in the said cablegram Mr Day congratulated Hitler upon his rise to the position of Chancellor of Germany;

Affiant further states that the aforementioned official of the German-American Republican Alliance received certain funds from Mr Day for the sending of the said cablegram; that the said official accompanied affiant to the telegraph office where affiant personally delivered the message to the operator at the said office for transmission to Germany.

ERIC VON SCHROETTER (signed).

Representative Day is the choice of the two most notorious pro-fascist newspapers in Chicago, McCormick's Tribune and Hearst's Herald-American. Mr Day is also the member of Congress who has sent out more fascist propaganda under his frank than any other.

George Sylvester Viereck, the American who was a Nazi agent, is in the penitentiary for failing to disclose all his activities at a time he was registered as working for Hitler. In Viereck's trial it was testified that he had supplied the propaganda which Rep Day incorporated into a book called "We Must Save the Republic," subtitled, "America First Book," which was published by Flanders Hall, a pro-Nazi outfit. After Flanders Hall published the book it was switched to another publisher named Shaw, but this in no way absolves Day from using Nazi agent propaganda material.

Stephen Day is also an associate of one of America's most notorious fascists, the Rev Gerald L K Smith, whose Committee of One Million aims to fight labor unions for the benefit of the Tories who subsidize it. Smith is now running for the Senate on what he calls a Coughlin platform. Day spoke with Smith and for him at a Detroit meeting Sept 4, 1941.

There is not an organization, leader, or publication accused of favoring Hitler or promoting Fascism which has not quoted and approved Congressman Day. The 28 now facing trial for sedition and their publications and other pub-

lications named as used by the alleged seditionists, all quoted and approved Day. Pelley's Roll Call applauded Day; Kullgren's Beacon Light, Social Justice, all were for Day. All these publications have suspended or been suppressed or await trial for treason. The Chicago Tribune is still for Day.

LABOR PARTICIPATES IN ELECTIONS IN ALL PARTS OF US

NOT only are the labor unions participating in the elections this year, but they are planning to take their rightful place as the decisive factor in the 1944 campaign. Signs point to 1944 as the most decisive political battle in American history between the democratic elements which recognize that the world has only one enemy, fascism, and America's native fascists masquerading under all sorts of patriotic signs.

As an example of what American democratic and enlightened labor is thinking about, here is the leading editorial of a new labor newspaper, The Sentinel of Akron, published by the Independent Labor League (Aug. 21), which has as a slogan, "Build a Labor Party." Says the Sentinel:

"Are not the unions fighting for the emancipation of the working class, and if they are, what is the necessity for a Labor Party? It is this question which has proved a stumbling block for many well-intentioned working people. The Independent Labor League claims that unless labor builds up its own political organization, a party, that the union movement will find itself crushed by the combined weight of capitalist campaigns and its own strangulation.

"True enough, the great unions of the U S exert political pressure. . . . This is good, as far as it goes. But more and more it becomes criminal neglect for organized labor to lock itself into a room and whisper instructions to politicians in another room. Especially when the politicians are 99% owned by Big Business.

"A working man or a woman organizes for protection and progress inside the place where he or she works, but proceeds to walk outside the factory gates and support the political organization of his or her employer. Is not this the lowest type of foolishness?

"It took labor a long and bitter time to begin to wipe out the poison of company-unions. But company-unionism still prevails. The Democratic and Republican parties are the political organizations of our employers, and although one, at one time, is less contaminated on the surface by capitalist reaction, neither represents the interests of the working people, neither is controlled by labor, and neither deserves labor's support in any form.

"The CIO with its Labor's Non-Partisan League appeared for a time as if it were going to build a working class party. But it has steadfastly followed the course of 'choosing the lesser evil.'"

Here are some choices of lesser evils, and some additional instances of labor action in the present campaign (continued from last week's report).

WASHINGTON—Executive officers of the CIO, meeting in Washington Aug 20, called for election of Congressmen pledged to labor's program for victory. The statement reads:

"In the approaching elections no member of a CIO union can afford to remain simply a passive onlooker or a silent voter. The outcome of these elections is too closely related to the winning of a quick victory over the Axis. . . .

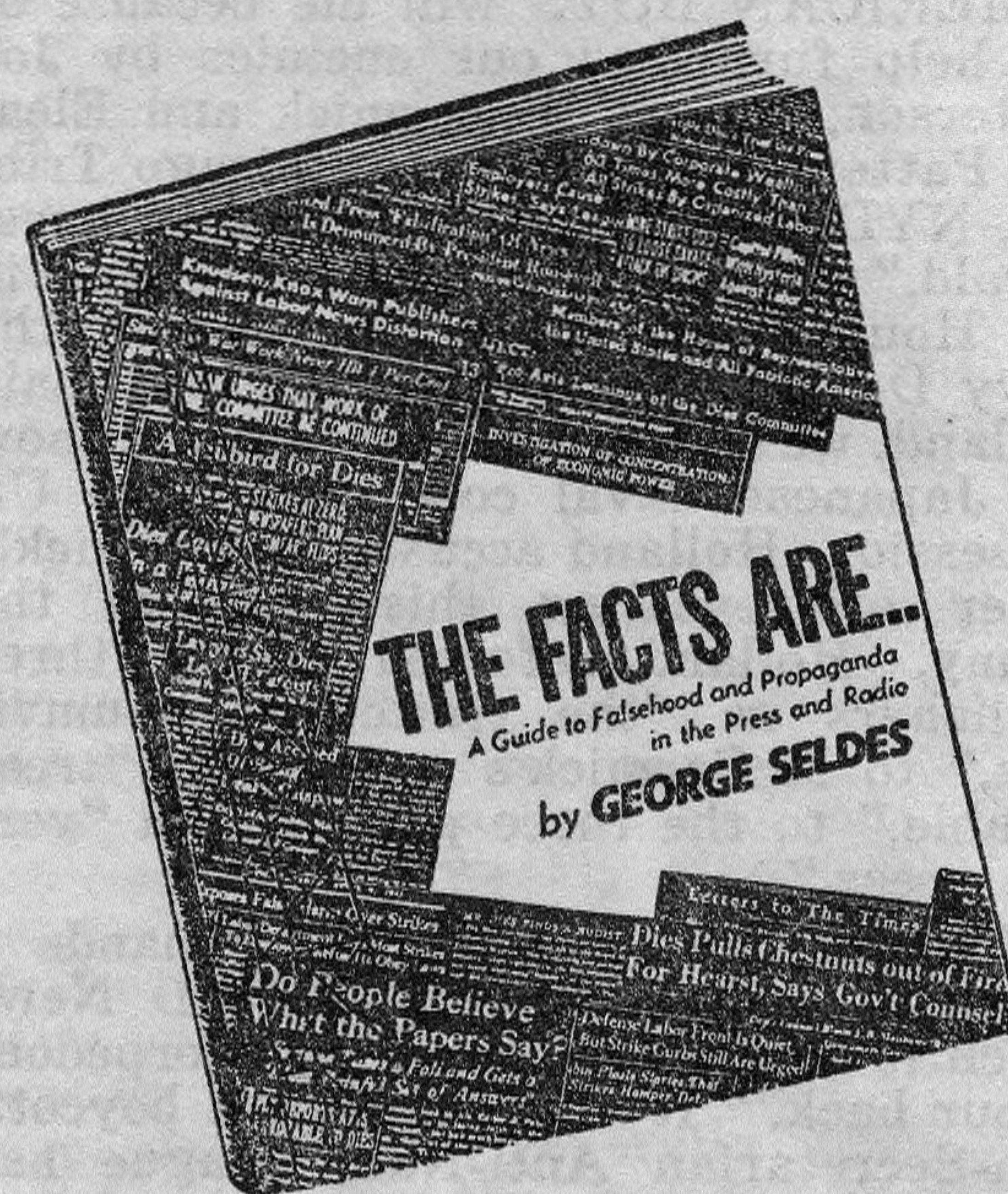
"This means that the interests of the war effort, of the people and of labor require the election to Congress and other public offices of representatives who can be depended upon to support the CIO program for control of the cost of living, for curbs on profiteering, for an adequate and equitable tax program, for elimination of the poll tax, for protection of worker's health and welfare, and for winning the war."

NEW JERSEY: N J State Industrial Union Council gives IN FACT following information on labor candidates on Democratic ticket: Irving Abramson, 8th Cong Dist, Passaic County, president of Council and Nat'l CIO Comm for American & Allied War Relief; Thomas Saul, candidate for assembly, Camden Co, member exec board Local 1, Industrial Union Marine & Shipbuilding Workers; James McLeish, assembly, Essex Co, Pres Dist No 4, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers.

CONNECTICUT: "News of Connecticut" has issued special Labor Day political action edition, saying, "The plunge has been taken and the CIO in Conn is now in the political swim." At conference Aug 22 more than 400 delegates representing 100,000 voted program of political action, approved 5 Democratic Congressmen, Gov Hurley and Lieut Gov Shepard. "Sharp condemnation was spoken from the floor of the role of Jasper McLevy of Bridgeport," socialist, whose candidacy would split labor vote for benefit of anti-laborites. Main resolutions demanded "opening in 1942 of a full land invasion on the continent of Europe."

MILWAUKEE: The CIO has asked the Democratic Party to disavow the record of Rep Thad Wasielowski who supported the President on foreign policy but voted against every pro-labor and pro-liberal piece of legislation. Here is a case of labor choosing the lesser of two evils, as Wasielowski's opponent is considered a worse reactionary. CIO News criticizes Wasielowski, says: "Among his other anti-labor votes, also voted in favor of an extension for the Dies Comm, which is notorious as one of the main enemies of the New Deal and the American labor movement." In a letter to Chairman Keller of Dem party, Chairman Meyer Adelman of State CIO Legislative Comm demanded that every Democratic candidate must support war effort, national unity, Roosevelt's 7-point program and Wallace's "century of the common man." Wasielowski has a bad record in addition to complete failure to support such a program, nevertheless the CIO must help elect him rather than his opponent. Unless Wasielowski reforms, labor will replace him next time.

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